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DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

INSOLVENT COURT.

THURSDAY.

BEFORE W. H. KERN, Esq., Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates.

In the estate of John Michael Fitzsimmons, an adjourned single meeting, at 11. The claims were proved: W. G. Moore, £12 14s. 4d.; and Richard Lamb, £15 3s. It appearing to the meeting, from documents held by the insolvent, that he (the insolvent) had a claim upon certain funds in the Court of Chancery in Ireland, which would be sufficient to meet the claims upon him, it was determined that steps should be taken for the realization thereof.

In the estate of Cornelius O'Brien, a special meeting was held, and instructions given to the official assignee.

In the estates of John Nichol and George Morant Simpson, certificate meetings were held, and the applications granted.

In the estate of Martin Higgins, a certificate meeting had been called, but the insolvent not appearing to make his application, the meeting lapsed. Notice of certificate meeting was lodged in the office of the Chief Commissioner.

MEETING THIS DAY.

In the estate of Robert Cooper, senior, an adjourned special meeting, at 11.

MEETING TO-MORROW.

In the estate of John Hosking, an adjourned special meeting, at 11.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION,
THIS DAY.

MR. C. NEWTON.—At his Rooms, at half-past 10 o'clock, Carpet Slippers and Boots, damaged Cotton Hose, Children's ditto, Clogs, and Maroon Roans; at 11 o'clock, damaged Shirts, Trousers, and Coats, Rich Silks, Satins, Bonnets, &c.; at 12 o'clock, Princes, Maleskins, Corde, Brown Half Hides, damaged Blue Cloth Jackets, Trousers, and Pilot Cloth Coats, Navy Canvas and Duck, 35 Packages Drapery and Slips.

MR. ALSTON.—At his Rooms, at 12 o'clock, Picking Sale of Horses.

MR. G. WICKERSON.—At his Rooms, 223, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock, Watches, Jewellery, Wearing Apparel, Wool Beds, Mattresses, Dressing Cases, &c.

MR. MORT.—At Pollard's Bonded Stores, Queen's-place, at 11 o'clock, Cavendish and Negrohead Tobacco; at his Stores, at half-past 11 o'clock, Tailors' Hutes, Wool, Sheepskins, Waggon, Cart, Chaff-cutting Machine, Weights, Tortoiseshell.

MR. J. G. COHEN.—At his Rooms, at 11 o'clock, Sundry Merchandise.

POLICE OFFICE.—Neither Mr. Moir nor Mr. Smart attended to their appointments at the Police Court yesterday, the whole of the business was transacted by Captain Jones and Mr. Miles. The names of Alderman Thurlow and Mr. Towns appears on the roster for this day (Friday).

THE WEATHER.—There were a few showers in Sydney, on Wednesday afternoon and evening, and a good deal of rain fell in the night. Yesterday it rained heavily and steadily nearly the whole day; an immense quantity of water must have fallen, and the streets are very much cut up.

COMMITTAL.—On Wednesday afternoon Mr. John McIntosh, of Pitt-street, ironmonger, gave a dollar named Connelford into the custody of Sergeant Prince, for having in his possession a number of brushes his property; Connelford's wife told Prince that she purchased the brushes on Monday of a hawker named John Barnett, for the sum of 3s. 6d., whereupon the latter was apprehended and placed in durance. From the evidence of Mr. McIntosh yesterday, it appeared that these brushes were of a peculiar make and quality, and were purchased by him from the importer, with all they had of the same description; that on Saturday last he missed a number of them; on Wednesday afternoon, he saw some of them—a dozen—exposed for sale at the premises of the prisoner Connelford, who had been in custody. Connelford was discharged from custody, and the case proceeded against Barnett; Mrs. Connelford deposed that she purchased the brushes in question of Barnett on Monday afternoon; he offered them to her and said they were his own. In defence Barnett said that he got his living by dealing—that he purchased them himself of a man he did not know, at what he considered to be a fair price, and made but appearance by the sale. Barnett was committed to take his trial.

FEROUS DRIVING.—Henry Evers, whose Jehu-like career was fully reported in the *Herald* of the sick ultimatum, being given to answer an information filed by the Chief Inspector of Police, charging him with furiously driving in Hunter street, in the city of Sydney, on the 27th June last, whereby the safety of the public was endangered. Mr. Owen, Captain of the ship Charley Castle, deposed that he was, on the evening of the 27th June, riding on horseback along Hunter-street, from Pitt-street to George-street; he happened to be walking; he saw the defendant coming in a gig from the opposite direction, at so rapid a rate, that before he could pull on one side, his (witness's) horse received one of the shafts of defendant's gig in his left side, and so great was the force of the collision that he and his horse were thrown down, and rolled over each other; he was taken up insensible, and was for three days in a surgical attendance for the injuries he received, while the horse he riding had since died from the effects of the collision; the end of the shaft of defendant's gig was broken short off, and remained for a time in the back of his (witness's) horse. Captain Owen thought the defendant must have been driving at no less a rate than ten miles an hour; another witness named 12 miles an hour as the probable speed at which the defendant was driven. To make the matter worse, it was after dark, when the risk attending such reckless driving was fearfully increased. The Bench adjudged the defendant guilty; he pay a fine of £5, with £2 2s. costs, or in default to be imprisoned for six weeks.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—An inquest was held yesterday at Marcus's, the Shamrock and Thistle public-house, Bathurst-street, in view of the body of George Constantine, then and there lying dead. It appeared from the evidence, that the deceased was a labourer in the soap boiling establishment of Mr. Jones; he and a man named Tierney were together in a tub at that establishment, a little after one o'clock yesterday deceased went down by a ladder leading into the yard, and in a few minutes afterwards was followed by Tierney; as the latter was descending the ladder, he perceived the deceased in a lee tub, which stood close by or under the ladder, his heels over the edge, and his head almost immersed in the liquid—his mouth was covered thereby. Mr. Tierney was sent for, but the unfortunate man was quite dead; he was about thirty-five years of age, and a man of temperate habits. Verdict, accidental death.

POSTER SALE.—Mr. Mort reminds buyers that his sale, postponed from yesterday, will take place, this day, at half-past eleven o'clock precisely.—*Communicated.*

Tobacco Sale.—The trade, shipping to exports, California, New Zealand, &c., has been very largely called to Mr. Mort's extensive sale, this day, of choice samples of Cavendish and negrohead, at the stores of Mr. Pollard, Queen's-place, at eleven o'clock precisely.—*Communicated.*

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS.

To the Editors of the Sydney Morning Herald.
GENTLEMEN,—May I be permitted through your journal to urge upon the Society for the Encouragement of the Fine Arts the necessity of keeping open the exhibition of paintings for a period of a week or two beyond next Saturday, at the charge for admission of 3d., expressly to enable individuals of the people of small means to gratify and improve their taste, by examining the collection of paintings before it is dispersed.

The object of the Society is to diffuse, as widely as possible the pleasures of the fine arts of a cultivated taste. Let therefore persons of small means enjoy the treat, such as this young country can now afford. An increased love of the Fine Arts I hope will lessen the inconveniences of our distant separation from the mother country, and who knows but that at some not distant day we may have a good school of painting and statuary of our

